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Federal Communications Commission  
Commission Secretary, Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
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Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding 03-16

Steve Balbierz recently explained SBC's plan to request approval from the FCC and enter the long distance service market in Michigan. I want you to know We Energies supports your plan.

Competition will benefit consumers through more choice and lower costs. The state benefits through economic growth and more jobs. SBC's employees benefit by more and varied employment opportunities. SBC benefits through continued growth in new markets.

The State of Michigan recently opened the door to competition for customers of electric utilities. Today, most customers in the state have options for power supply and many are choosing Alternate Energy Suppliers. As it should be in our free market economy, the customer has a competitive choice. We Energies supports choice for consumers. Your proposal will make more choices available to long distance customers in Michigan.

Sincerely,

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Area Manager

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